Government of India has launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) to assist cities and towns in taking up housing and infrastructural facilities for the urban poor in 63 cities in the country including the State of Madhya Pradesh. Bhopal, Jabalpur, Indore and Ujjain cities in M.P. are covered under the Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) Programme. For non-Mission cities, for taking up housing and slum upgradation programmes, the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) has been launched with the objective to strive for holistic slum development, with a healthy and enabling environment by providing adequate shelter and basic infrastructure facilities to the slum dwellers including the displaced. Both BSUP and IHSDP are under implementation since December, 2005.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The duration of JNNURM would be seven years beginning from the year 2005-06.

Houses of weaker sections affected by floods in Andhra Pradesh

931. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted proposals for Rs. 727.73 crores for construction of 1.82 lakh houses for the weaker sections as a prgoramme of permanent housing to shift the housing colonies for the people vulnerable to inundation, to safer location so that they do not suffer time and again because of floods;

(b) whether Government have taken any action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government would assure of immediately releasing the amount of Rs. 727.73 crores; and

(f) if not, the reasons for not giving assurance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (f) No, Sir.

However, Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has sanctioned loan of Rs. 117.00 crores for construction of 66857 units during the year 2004-05 for implementation of Economically Weaker Section (EWS) Rural Housing Scheme for Tsunami affected districts like Krishna, Prakasam, Nellore, West Godavari and Guntur. Further, HUDCO had also sanctioned a loan amount of Rs. 201.52 crores for the construction of 213211 EWS(Rural) units for flood-affected victims during the year 2000-01.

One proposal from Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh) for construction of 15,000 dwelling units for rehabilitation of flood victims of river Krishna and Budameru Vagu with the total project cost of Rs. 258.74 crores was received which has been sanctioned and the 1st instalment of Rs. 32.34 crores has been released on 31.10.2006.

New programmes under "Garibi Hatao"

†932. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the change likely to be seen in the continuing programmes by inclusion of 'Garibi Hatao' in place of poverty alleviation;

(b) whether Government are going to start new programmes under 'Garibi Hatao';

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have set any target for the people living below the poverty line;

(e) if so, details thereof; and

(f) the details of the people living below the poverty line, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The phrase "Garibi Hatao" has been used in the new 20-point programme at Point No. 1, to focus on the plight of the poor in the country. In the urban areas, a urban poverty alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.